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SUBJECT : MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER, REQUESTED IN CONTEXT MY OFFICAL CALLS FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS, NOW SET FOR THURSDAY, NOV. 4 AT 9:00 A.M. DEPT WILL WISH TO CONSIDER USING OCCASION TO TAKE ANOTHER STEP IN MIDEASTFOR DISCUSSIONS.

2. WHETHER OR NOT DEPT WHISHES TO INSTRUCT ME TO RAISE MIDEASTFOR WITH FOREIGN MINISTER, I WOULD LIKE TO USE OCCASION TO INFORM GOB OF STATUS OF COMPREHENSIVE DEFENSE SURVEY TEAM. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE CLEAR TO GOB WHO IS PAYING FOR SURVEY. COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY, UNLIKE HELICOPTER TEAM, WAS OFFERED BY US AND GOB OFFICIALS MAY FEEL THAT USG WILL PAY FOR WORK DONE AS RESULT ITS OWN INITIATIVE. IF THERE ARE NO STATUTORY OR REGULATORY PROHIBITIONS, AND MONEY COULD BE FOUND, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT USG PAY FOR SURVEY. PLEASE ADVISE STATUS OF SURVEY TEAM AND WHETHER OR NOT USG CAN AND WOULD PAY FOR IT.

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